

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	: Higuchi, et al.
App. No	: 10/572,404
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For	: DRUG AND FOOD OR DRINK FOR IMPROVING HYPERGLYCEMIA
Examiner	: Bland, Layla
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
AND AMENDMENT****Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 10/572,404. In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.